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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**

**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

SUKHJEET SINGH DHILLON,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney  
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-72181

Agency No. A76-850-533

MEMORANDUM\*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 5, 2005\*\*

Before: GOODWIN, W. FLETCHER, and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Sukhjeet Singh Dhillon, a native and citizen of India, petitions pro se for review of the decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals (“BIA”) summarily affirming an immigration judge’s (“IJ”) order denying as untimely his motion to reopen proceedings to apply for adjustment of status based on his marriage to a

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\*\* The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

United States citizen. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for abuse of discretion, *Singh v. INS*, 295 F.3d 1037, 1039 (9th Cir. 2002), and we deny in part, and dismiss in part, the petition for review.

The agency did not abuse its discretion by denying Dhillon's motion to reopen because it was untimely and did not satisfy any of the exceptions to the filing deadline set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(4). *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(1) (requiring a motion to reopen before an IJ to be filed within ninety days of the final order of removal).

We do not consider Dhillon's challenge to the IJ's earlier determination regarding the merits of his asylum claim because Dhillon failed to exhaust his administrative remedies with regard to this issue when he withdrew his asylum appeal while it was pending with the BIA. *See Barron v. Ashcroft*, 358 F.3d 674, 678 (9th Cir. 2004).

Dhillon's remaining contentions are unpersuasive.

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED in part; DISMISSED in part.**